

If Everyone Did Not Give Thanks Yesterday, They Overlooked a Mighty Good Chance.

Beat up a Mexican.

A man named Frank Winters, whose home is supposed to be in Pueblo, is in jail in Larned, waiting to see how near he came to killing a Mexican three miles west of Pawnee Rock Sunday night. The Mexican, who was in the employ of the Santa Fe, was badly beaten up about the face and body and is not expected to live. When found he was lying in the road in an unconscious condition, his head and body battered and the most of his clothing torn off. A broken shot gun, which had evidently been used as a weapon by his assailant was lying near him.

The assault occurred at a point west of Pawnee Rock in Pawnee county and his assailant, who in company with a female, was traveling in a covered wagon, hitched up and drove east. He had camped up for phone message from Larned and also from Pawnee Rock informed the authorities here of the crime and Marshal Wilson and Sheriff Dalziel started west on meeting Winters, arrested him. The accused was at first disposed to show fight, but soon cooled off. His traveling companion was left with the wagon.

The sheriff of Pawnee county, arrived Monday morning and Winters was taken there Monday for trial, which will probably not occur until the extent of the Mexican's injuries are more fully known.

Winters says that he was attacked by 3 Mexicans, who tried to hold him up and that was the whole trouble. He claims to have been on his way south to Oklahoma. The affair is supposed to have been the result of a drunken row.

"Winter Plowing" Institute

The monthly meetings of farmers' institutes proved so successful last year that it will be continued throughout the present year. Fall and winter plowing is becoming so much more general that several committees have suggested this as the first subject. The day, December 5, 1908, the hours, 2 to 4 o'clock.

The topics that may be suggested are several: Best month for plowing, deep or shallow plowing disk or harrow, or leave rough, disk in February or plow again, crop to follow winter plowing, breaking prairie in winter, breaking clover or alfalfa in winter, why do some claim that winter-plowed ground stands drouth well and others insist that it dries out quicker than ground plowed in spring, advantages that may be agreed on for fall or winter plowing.

It is hoped that several hundred farmers' meetings may be held, even where there is no organized institute. County institute presidents are urged to name local chairmen at places where there is no institute and every local institute president is urged to arrange for a meeting on Saturday afternoon, December 5, from 2 to 4 o'clock. Begin and adjourn promptly. If there is time it might be well to discuss somewhat the work of President Roosevelt's Country Life Commission.

J. H. Miller.

Supt. Farmers' Institutes.

Boston Ideal Comic Opera Co.

Too much cannot be said in praise of this excellent company and the fact of Manager Lewis having secured them speaks well for his desire to give his patrons the very best the road affords, and we hope the theater-goers of Great Bend will show their appreciation of his efforts by giving him their hearty support. The company has already had four very successful seasons, and now comes with a larger and stronger cast than heretofore. This is what we learn from authentic sources that the play and players are really meritorious and far superior to the average organizations of this kind at Wilner's opera house next Saturday, November 28, 1908.

Dr. Yenner was up from Hutchinson Monday.

Miss Nora Varner is home from Larned where she has been for the past three months with Mrs. Guy Johnson.

Pusey-Hollingsworth

Edwin G. Pusey of Newton and Miss Clara Hollingsworth of this city were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hollingsworth on Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock. Rev. Nicholson of the Christian church officiated.

Mrs. Pusey has been one of the popular young ladies of our city for several years. She has been an efficient employee of the Great Bend Telephone company, and has always commanded the love and respect of all.

Mr. Pusey was formerly of Barton county's corps of teachers, but is now in the employ of the Santa Fe at Newton, which point will be the home of the young people. We join their many friends in wishing them the best there is.

Seriously Injured.

Chas. Barstow, one of the early settlers about 70 years old, met with what may prove to be serious injuries at the Hulme mill Monday morning by being thrown from a wagon as he was stepping from the wheel to the bed, the horses giving a sudden jump. Mr. Barstow struck on his head and was picked up in a much dazed condition and taken to his home. Thus far no very serious reports concerning his condition have been received, and it is hoped by his many friends that he will speedily recover.

Never too Old to Get Married.

"No, sir, a man's never too old to get married."

This was the remark made by Parker Corbin of Topeka, aged 71 years, in reply to a question put to him by a bystander, as he signed an application for a marriage license in the office of the probate judge Saturday. And the blushing bride, Mrs. Mary Vise, aged 57 years, concurred in this opinion and added that her betrothed was just in his prime. The license was issued and the septagenarian bridegroom, accompanied by his bride, left the room in quest of a preacher. Both the contracting parties are residents of Topeka. Corbin was for many years a resident of Great Bend, Kan., and was for a long time the probate judge of Barton county.

"I've issued quite a few of those licenses myself," he laughingly remarked "and thought that it was high time I should get one for my own use."

The bride, Mrs. Mary Vise, is the widow of the late William Vise of Topeka.

Miss Emma Uicolet of the south side visited at Kinsley this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shelton and son of Galatia were in the city Tuesday morning on their way to Sedgewick to spend the Thanksgiving with the Brunsons, formerly Galatia people.

Mrs. G. L. Chapman and Miss Lillian Brinkman have gone to Fremont, Mich., to spend Thanksgiving with their sister, Mrs. Milo White and family. They will visit at other points before coming home.

After December 1st, the management of the Wilner Opera House will be under Mrs. Holmes, of the Berlin theatre. It is also reported that next season the house will be changed entirely, and made an up-to-date opera house.

August Schultz, has disposed of his interests in the Schultz & Curry mercantile establishment on south Main street to his partner, W. H. Curry, and will return to the pursuit of farming, moving onto a farm west of town.

Mrs. W. P. Feder came close to serious injury Sunday evening. The entrance to the cellar at the residence is through a trap door in the pantry. This door had been left open, and stepping into the pantry in the dark, she stepped off backwards and fell down the cellar steps. Fortunately she escaped with only a bruised arm.

Cannon for Revision

In an interview in Chicago, Speaker Cannon made the following statement:

"Any change in the revenue laws of the country of necessity is followed by a depression of business. Three years ago I followed the lead of Theodore Roosevelt who declared that there should be no revision of the revenue laws, which means the tariff until after the next general election. His policy was not to change existing condition. The Republican platform on which the national contest has been won says revise the revenue laws. That revision should be with due regard to protection and penalty against discriminatory nations. As a member of the next House, a coordinate branch of the government equal to the executive and the judiciary, I am so far as my vote is concerned going to see to it that the policy of the Republican party on this question is written in the national laws as promptly as possible. The laws should be written promptly, so that business can adjust itself to changed conditions, for the change will of necessity bring disturbances."

Geo. Brown Dead.

George Brown, whose wife is the proprietress of the Brown Rooming House on south Main, died suddenly Monday at Georgetown, Colo., where he had gone for work. The Browns have been residents of this city for about eight years. At this time we are not informed concerning the funeral arrangements, but presume the body will be brought here or taken to Virginia for interment.

Pioneer Stafford County.

The farmers were all glad to see the fine rain Monday. see the fine rain Monday. Great Bend were in this vicinity last Saturday.

Quite a number of the people around here have the grip.

Mrs. Agnes Monger left Thursday evening for her home near Dodge City.

Mrs. G. Kreutzinger who has been visiting relatives the past month in Mo., and eastern Kansas returned home last Wednesday.

Mrs. John Reigel has gone to Indiana on a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kay of St. John visited at G. D. Estes Saturday night and Sunday a week ago.

Mrs. C. E. Blakeslee went to Garfield last week visiting Robert Boyd and family.

Luther Converse and family attended the dance at Lyman Converse's south of Ray last Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Adams of Liberal, Kansas are up for an extended visit with relatives and friends.

There will be a literary at the Hooke school house every Friday night.

Mrs. Bish of Kingman county, was burned to death by the explosion of a lamp. The body was shipped to Seward Sunday. Rev. Kemp of the M. E. church conducted the funeral. The remains were placed in the Eden Valley cemetery.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Keenan died Saturday morning and was buried Sunday afternoon in the Catholic cemetery.

Phil Marky went to Spearville Tuesday morning on cattle business.

John Niedens of Union township was down to the county seat Tuesday.

R. J. Hlavaty of Olmitz was transacting business in the county seat Tuesday.

Ed Gwinn visited with Chester Hartshorn and family out in Ford county this week.

Henry Schneider of West Salem, Wis., is out on a visit to Henry Wedge and family.

Miss Pearl Emley returned home Tuesday evening and will spend the holidays here.

Guy Seldon, a Great Bend boy of the long ago, visited boyhood chums here Saturday.

Frank Mall, Jr., Dead

After an illness extending back for nearly five years Frank Mall Jr., Monday night died at the home of her father, Frank Mall, 5 miles south and 3 1/2 east from this city. He was 21 years, 1 month and 24 days of age.

In February 1904 he was taken down by an attack of pneumonia and a couple of weeks later scarlet fever set in. His constitution was so undermined by these attacks that he never recovered and gradually grew weaker. He made a strong fight against the disease but it was plain to see that he could not recover. The last several weeks he was confined to his bed. As a boy he was a hearty, well built young fellow, full of fun, and liked by all his comrades. During the last years of his life, he was in such poor health that he was unable to go anywhere or meet with his former comrades. He received the best care and attention a devoted family could give and was uncomplaining to the last.

He leaves a loving father, 2 sisters, Mrs. Ernie Feltner and Miss Anna Mall and 4 brothers, Ben, Will, Jess and Clarence. His mother preceded him to the other world a short time ago.

The funeral services were held at the home in South Bend township.

Clarence Morrison was down from Pawnee Rock Sunday.

Herbert Merring and Veva Ewalt visited Ellinwood friends Sunday.

John Wilhoit has returned from a visit at the old home, Saulsbury, Mo.

Rev. Westwood went to Dodge City Monday morning to perform a marriage ceremony.

Harry Wildgen of Hoisington visited with the Murphy family in Liberty township Sunday.

Miss Agnes Murphy of route 1, visited with M. Sweeney and family near Pawnee Rock last week.

Pat Boughan has assumed the duties of conductor on the Hoisington train again, after a long vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weber and Mr. and Mrs. John Bersheid were east side people in town on Tuesday.

Miss Hazel Buckland arrived home from Topeka Saturday evening and will spend the Thanksgiving holidays with home folks.

The Ingle meetings under the auspices of the Christian church, are being held up stairs in the new Moses building on Main street.

Mrs. Hooper has gone for a visit to her daughter, Ulanda at Mount Carmel, Wichita, her son Charles at K. U. and to other relatives in Atchison.

The Thanksgiving donation to Bethany Hospital, Kansas City, Kansas by the Sunday School of the Methodist church, Great Bend amounted to more than \$50. The most of it being the necessities of life.

Some of Cooney Hartman's former neighbors think he has improved wonderfully as a story teller since acquiring a residence on gospel ridge. Some even go so far as to blame Dr. Sipes and the editor for his pranks.

While seated in her buggy Saturday evening, preparatory to starting home, Mrs. Sam Gwinn, met with what came near being a bad accident. A heavy wagon driven by Arch Rusco, accidentally caught one of the rear wheels of the buggy, tearing it away, permitting the bed to drop to the ground. Neither the team hitched to the wagon or the horse, which Mrs. Gwinn was driving, attempted to run away, so no one was injured in the least.

Walter Koch, Will Panning, and Mrs. Kate Eberhardt, and son Frank were in the city on business Monday.

Shepard-Luft.

Henry Luft, a wealthy retired farmer, and Mrs. S. A. Shepard were married in this city Sunday afternoon at one o'clock.

The ceremony occurred in the Shepard home and was attended by the immediate relatives and friends of the happy couple. Rev. Selle of the Methodist church officiated. A wedding dinner was served at the conclusion of the ceremony.

The groom has been a resident of this city but a short time having moved here from Rush county. He is a man of ability and is well and favorably known to many of our citizens. Mrs. Luft since the death of her former husband several years ago has conducted the Shepard Studio and is one of the best known business women in this part of the state. She is a woman liked by all and the Democrat joins their many friends in extending congratulations.

They will be home in a short time in the property on the east side of town, recently purchased by Mr. Luft.

Foot Ball Boys Entertained

Prof. Guy Clayton, with the assistance of Miss Zoe Chapman and Miss Edna Lewis, entertained the High School foot ball team at the home of Mrs. A. E. Button last Saturday evening. Dr. Button and Vernon Baker were special guests. An excellent menu was served to which the young athletes did excellent service. At the close of the banquet, a bunch of that variety of American Beauties which only Great Bend can show made their appearance and a very pleasant evening was the result for all.

Modern Woodmen and Royal Neighbors.

All members of the M. W. of A. and Royal Neighbors and their families are hereby notified that a box supper will be held in the Woodmen Hall on Tuesday evening, December 1st. A good time is assured to all who come. Be sure to come and have the boxes well filled.

Grove Kearney was in Kinsley on business this week.

Mrs. D. C. Luse and daughter Maud, visited Hutchinson friends Tuesday.

Lawrence Osmond came home from Manhattan to get his share of turkey.

Mrs. Chas. Gunn and Mrs. Leonard Gunn were in Hutchinson Tuesday.

H. Leon Miller drove to Russell to eat Thanksgiving dinner with his wife.

Dan Amerine is up from his farm near Haviland for a couple of weeks' visit.

For bargains in Kiowa county lands read Dawson & Zutavern's list in this issue.

Charles Schermerly of route 6, has bought himself and family a fine Winton auto.

Mrs. Sam Foster has returned from a visit with her son Ira and wife at Galatia.

The Forest avenue whist club was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. J. Geo. Brinkman Monday evening.

Mrs. M. C. Simpson is home from Macksville where she attended the funeral of W. R. Brady.

The weather man on Tuesday evening and Wednesday tried to work up a dose, but hardly knew what. He would have it rain, then snow, then clear up, and then take a fresh start again and in the end accomplish mighty little.

Esther Seward, who will leave soon with her parents for New York to make her home, was delightfully surprised by her school mates Wednesday evening. The pupils brought refreshments and all enjoyed a merry time.

Hart-Smith

At the beautiful home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hart south of this city, on Wednesday evening, November 25th, Miss Jessie Hart was united in marriage to Mr. E. E. Smith of this city. Rev. Sutherland performing the ceremony in the presence of the relatives of the contracting parties. Both of these young people are well known and popular.

Mrs. Smith is an accomplished young lady who has grown up in our midst. Mr. Smith has resided here for about eight years, and is a carpenter by trade.

Following the ceremony, light refreshments were served. The happy couple will remain at the Hart home for the winter after which they will locate on a farm in Finney county. Here is wishing the young folks an abundance of happiness and prosperity.

Miss Winget went to Albert to spend Thanksgiving with her parents.

Mrs. D. Howell and daughter, Mrs. Jones went to Heizer on Wednesday to get their share of turkey.

W. A. Brown and wife went to Spearville to spend Thanksgiving with their daughter, Mrs. Frank Hutson.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe H. Kramer entertained the Wednesday evening whist club this week and all had an extra fine time. Miss Lizzie Komarek and Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Ashpole were guests of the club.

Will Brown and family have moved in from Galatia and taken possession of the Meade house on Broadway recently purchased by him. Mr. Brown will begin his duties at Honnen's on Monday.

The Sons and Daughters of Justice held their regular meeting on Wednesday evening. In addition to the regular work of the order, a very enjoyable social time was had. Refreshments were served.

Twin boys; Sufficient cause for Thanksgiving. Well, er, yes. Therefore E. R. Moses, Jr. and wife were especially happy and thankful yesterday. The boys appeared Wednesday. May they grow up to be as popular as their parents.

Later—Ed's enthusiastic friends misinformed us. There is only one arrival, and that is a girl. If she grows up to be as amiable and popular as her mother, she will be all right.

J. J. Moran has been in Texas on land business all week.

Mrs. F. L. Marsh and daughter Hazel spent Thanksgiving with the Armstrongs and Hollowsays in Wichita.

Louis Zutavern came up from Fairmount college Tuesday evening to be at home and gobble his share of turkey.

The Heizer Creamery will be sold at Heizer, Kas. at 2 o'clock, Friday, December 4th, 1908. By order of the Directors.

Yesterday was one of those days, if the family had company for dinner, when those who appreciated the good things to eat the most, and were the hungriest, had to wait until the old gluttons got their satisfy.

The next excursion to be run by Young & Giles in connection with Fowler Bros., to Texas points, where the company has some excellent land bargains will go on Tuesday, December 1st. This will be a fine outing, and a trip will be well worth taking.

Father E. J. Dodge was 86 years old Wednesday and in spite of the inclemency of the weather was down town, as he is almost every day. When asked if he felt as good as he did 86 years ago, he said he hardly knew how he felt then, but judging of the way he had felt since then, he guessed he did.